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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TOUR GROUP

REF: MONROVIA 5020

1. TOUR GROUP ARRANGED BY SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AS ONE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES FOR SMITHSONIAN ASSOCIATES WHOSE MEMBERS ARE SUBSCRIBED SUPPORTERS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AROUND THE COUNTRY NUMBERING ABOUT HALF MILLION. MEMBERS ARE GENERALLY WELL INFORMED CITIZENS BUT NOT PROFESSIONALLY INTERESTED IN AREAS VISITED. ALTHOUGH THIS IS FIRST TOUR OF WEST AFRICA, SIMILAR PREVIOUS TOURS MADE ELSEWHERE IN WORLD, INCLUDING EAST AND NORTH AFRICA.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD EXTEND NORMAL COURTESIES GIVEN TO VISITING AMERICAN GROUPS. ACCORDING TO SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S DIRECTOR OF TOUR ACTIVITIES, HOWE'S REQUEST GOES BEYOND USUAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY EMBASSIES -- I.E., INFORMAL BRIEFING AND OCCASIONALLY INFORMAL SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER WITH SOME EMBASSY STAFF. DIRECTOR OF TOUR ACTIVITIES SAID LOCAL HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND SIGHT-SEEING ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY TRAVEL AGENCY.

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3. DEPARTMENT FULLY CONCURS EMBASSY JUDGMENT NOT TO

BECOME INTERMEDIARY IN ARRANGING ENTRE FOR RUSSELL WARREN
HOWE TO SENIOR AFRICAN OFFICIALS. RUSH

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